

February 21, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library was called to order at 5:00pm.

Ms. Willms informed the Board that adequate notice of this meeting was forwarded to the newspapers and the Borough Clerk's office in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance Roll Call

Present – Albro, Bucaro, Dabal, DiBernardo, Lee, Mizdol, Preinfalk

Absent - Centanni, Thompson.

Minutes

On a motion by Mrs. Mizdol, seconded by Mrs. DiBernardo, the minutes of the reorganization and regular Library Board meetings held on January 17, 2019 were accepted

Roll Call: All in favor – So ordered.

Public Portion

There being no one present from the public, the Public Portion was open and closed.

Budget Report

Ms. Willms informed the Board the town provided her with a figure in excess of the required third of a mil to support the library. It was told to Ms. Willms that a shuffling of monies had occurred on the part of the Borough to cover expenses for the library. This additional amount will be reported to the State on the State Aid Report.

On a motion by Mrs. DiBernardo, seconded by Mrs. Bucaro the budget report was accepted.

Roll Call: Aye – Albro, Bucaro, Dabal, DiBernardo, Lee, Mizdol, Preinfalk.

New Business

Director's Report

Ms. Willms had little to add to the report that had been sent to all Trustees before the meeting. There are ongoing issues with the building including the fumes, buckling ceiling tiles, and the erratic working of the heat.

On a motion by Mrs. Mizdol, seconded by Mrs. Dabal the Director's Report was accepted as written.

Roll Call: All in favor—so ordered.

Bills

On a motion by Mrs. Preinfalk, seconded by Mrs. Lee all bills presented at this meeting will be paid.

Roll Call: Aye – Albro, Bucaro, Dabal, DiBernardo, Lee, Mizdol, Preinfalk.

PSE&G

Because of the ongoing concern that the library is paying more than its share of the utility bill that covers both the library and DPW garage; Board members discussed passing a resolution that would be passed on to the Mayor and Council requesting the library receive its own utility bill covering only what is used by the library.

A motion was made by Mr. Albro, seconded by Mrs. Mizdol to request from the town a PSE&G bill that covers the library only.

Roll Call: Aye – Albro, Bucaro, Dabal, DiBernardo, Lee, Mizdol, Preinfalk.

There was a question regarding what other bills the town is receiving for the library that is paid directly by the Borough instead of coming to the library. Ms. Willms told Board members that the health costs, fringe benefits, and payroll services are paid directly by the Borough for the library.

Old Business

Mrs. Dabal informed those present there is a lapse in the town receiving Library Board meeting minutes and agenda. Ms. Willms recalled forwarding the minutes and Agenda to Ms. Brynczka, but she will resend all past and current minutes and agendas after this meeting.

Mr. Albro spoke of his ongoing concern with how long it is taking the town to complete its negotiations with employees. He asked that staff send a new request to the Trustees for Salary increases for 2018 and 2019.

Other Business

Mrs. Dabal questioned Board members as to the status of the plans for the new library. Are they complete? Would the Board be ready to move forward quickly once funds from the library construction bond are released? The feeling is that the Board is not really ready to move forward at this time because of the question of funding and how much the library will ultimately receive, and the plans for the new facility not being firmed up at the time of this meeting. Mr. Albro will reach out to Mr. Iovino to determine the next step in the planning process.

Mrs. Lee showed Board members a shadow box that she feels would be a nice activity for the library staff to host. Most felt Mother's Day would be an appropriate time for this program. Ms. Willms will bring back the suggestion to staff and ensure it will be offered to our young patrons in time for Mother's Day.

Mrs. Lee also suggested to replace one of the Tuesday night coloring programs with an ongoing Art Club. The idea is to offer art projects using different mediums each month. All present thought this would be a wonderful program to offer our patrons. Ms. Willms will relay this to staff and firm up plans for this new program with Mrs. Lee.

There being no further discussion the Board moved to adjournment.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday March 21, 2019 at 5:00pm.**

On a motion by Mrs. Dabal, seconded by Mrs. Mizdol the meeting was adjourned at 5:41pm.

Roll call: All in favor—so ordered.